GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TRAUMA CARE VEHICLE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ambulances available on National Highways in the country;

(b) whether the medical assistance available on National Highways is sufficient; (

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to make available trauma care vehicle on National Highways to deal with the cases of accidents; and

(d) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) This Ministry has been providing ambulances to States/UTs/NGOs to evacuate victims of accident to the nearest medical centres under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS). During the period from 2000-01 to 2004-05, 266 ambulances have been given to various States under this scheme. In addition, National Highways Authority of India provides an ambulance at an average interval of 50 kms under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts/Build operate Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. As on 16.6.2006, 81 ambulances have been deployed on National Highways by National Highways Authority of India.

(b) to (d) Provision of assistance in case of road accident is basically the responsibility of the State Government. This Ministry has no scheme to assist setting up of trauma care centres/facilities. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims.